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To: Renata Hesse, Trial Attorney
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I would like to make several comments relative to the Microsoft case, as well as other large class action cases.

I think the Microsoft action should be put to bed, if Microsoft committed antitrust actions, I'm glad they did. I am very happy with their products and the fact that they are integrated so a "low tech" user like myself has a chance. I don't want to go to 27 different software companies to get the best, up to date products. I want it bundled all in one neat package. I don't feel that I have been overcharged, in fact the competition in the marketplace is fierce. Please compare the price of a wordprocessing software package 20 years ago to the price today - not to mention the features in today's product.

I also feel that the states' attorneys general are a pack of blood sucking thieves, trying to suck as much \$ as possible from Microsoft or any other deep pocketed company. Compare the action against the tobacco companies. They handed a bunch of money to the states and then turned around and raised the price of their product \$.50 a pack to cover the cost of the award. Most of the states took the money and ran. They didn't use it to help smokers like myself quit, but used it to balance the states budget.

I support Microsoft and hope that you and the states can come to a speedy agreement that stops wasting taxpayers \$ and lets Microsoft continue to improve their products.

Thanks for taking the time to listen to an overworked, overtaxed citizen.

Sincerely,

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